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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S NATIONAL ENERGY PROGRAM

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1. OFFICIAL REACTION PUBLICALLY TO PRESIDENT'S ENERGY PROGRAM HAS BEEN NIL AND PRESS REACTION IN KOREA HAS BEEN MUTED. ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPERS HAVE CARRIED WIRE SERVICE REPORTS OF PRESIDENT'S SPEECH AND MESSAGE TO THE CONGRESS WITH NO EDITORIAL COMMENT.

2. VERNACULAR PRESS HAS CARRIED FACTUAL REPORTS WITH SPOTTY EDITORIALIZING. MOST HAVE STRESSED THE CONSERVATION FEATURES OF THE PROGRAM RELATING THEM TO THE NEED FOR KOREA TO CONSERVE ENERGY. TONGA ILBO NOTES THAT THE PRESIDENT'S "ENERGY POLICY STRESSING CONSERVATION IS FAR FROM THE U.S. TRADITION WHICH HAS REGARDED CONSUMPTION AS A VIRTUE". THE EDITORIAL CONTINUES, "THE MODERN VIRTUE IS CONSERVATION". SIMILAR SENTIMENTS WERE EXPRESSED BY SEOUL KYONGJE SINMUN, HANKOOK ILBO, KYONGHYAN SINMUN, AND THE PROVINCIAL CHONAM ILBO. LATTER CONCLUDES THAT U.S. GOAL TO SAVE ENERGY "THOUGH IT IS MOTIVATED BY REASONS OF ITS ECONOMY IS GOOD AND EVEN MORAL IN A SENSE FOR THE WHOLE
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WORLD".

3. PRESS ALSO POINTS OUT THE NEED TO DEVELOP NEW ENERGY SOURCES AND THE NECESSITY TO THINK ABOUT SUBSTITUTES FOR OIL. KYUNGHYAN SINMUN ADDS THAT THE NEW U.S. PROGRAM SHOULD MAKE KOREA "SERIOUSLY PONDER WHAT IS OUR LONG RANGE ENERGY POLICY".
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